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SUBJECT: SENATOR NOYNIHAN'S MEETING WITH
SENATOR'S REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION ON RAUL WALLENBERG

1. BEGIN SUMMARY

IN MEETING BETWEEN [] AND
SENATOR NOYNIHAN, THE TIMETABLE FOR HUNGARY'S NEW
CONSTITUTION AND EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT
JUDICIARY WERE DISCUSSED. SENATOR NOYNIHAN ASKED
WHETHER GOH HAD PURSUED SOVIETS TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION ON RAUL WALLENBERG. [] RESPONDED
THAT DURING HIS YEAR AS JUSTICE MINISTER, HE WAS NOT
AWARE OF ANY SUCH REQUEST, BUT ADDED THAT THIS WAS A
QUESTION WHICH NEEDED "PROFOUND INVESTIGATION".

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5. THE SENATOR THEN ASKED IF HE COULD RAISE THE SUBJECT OF RAOUL WALLENBERG AND ASKED, WHETHER HE WAS AWARE OF ANY DEMARCHE MADE TO THE SOVIETS BY THE GOH REQUESTING DETAILS ON WALLENBERG'S FATE. GIVEN THE GREAT CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE IN MOSCOW AND THE RETIREMENT OF GROMYKO, IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT SUCH A DEMARCHE WOULD BE TIMELY. [RESPONDED THAT IN THE 10 MONTHS SINCE HE HAD TAKEN OVER [HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT SUCH A REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE. POSSIBLY, THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN APPROACHED EARLIER. MOSCOW'S TRADITIONAL RESPONSE HAD BEEN THE WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN THE 40S OR EARLY 50S. HE CONCEDED THAT THE QUESTION OF WALLENBERG'S FATE WAS ONE THAT NEEDED A "PROFOUND INVESTIGATION" AND THAT IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO MAKE AN INQUIRY OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. FOR THEIR PART, THE SOVIETS HAD LATELY SHOWN A MUCH GREATER WILLINGNESS TO BE COOPERATIVE IN TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE PAST AND HAD DEMONSTRATED A WILLINGNESS TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS TO THE GOH RELATED TO IMRE NAGY.

[PROMISED TO PASS ALONG ANY INFORMATION HE WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT WALLENBERG TO THE SENATOR, USING THE EMBASSY AS AN INTERMEDIARY.
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